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CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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JUNE, 1976

The annual Council and Pow-Wow will be held Saturday, June 26, 1976 at the Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center south of Shawnee on Highway 18, directly east of Mission Hill Hospital. There will be a full calendar of events for this weekend starting Friday, June 25, 1976. Keep your newsletter handy for ready reference.

Friday: 7:00 p.m. - Open House and Historical Drama presented by tribal members at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Open House for tribal members.

Saturday: 12:30 p.m. - Historical Drama.

Saturday: 2:00 p.m. - Council Meeting.

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Supper on tribal grounds.

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. - Gourd Dancing.

Saturday: 8:00 p.m. - Feather Dancing and Round Dancing.

Sunday: Gourd Dancing in afternoon.

For the supper, at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, members should bring a covered dish, plates and eating utensils, and chairs for the Pow-Wow.

Those who will be camping on tribal grounds will need to come fully prepared with supplies and etc. Water and restrooms will be available at the campsite.

The Pow-Wow Club shoulders the responsibility for staging our annual Pow-Wow and for raising funds to insure it's success. Each year it becomes more expensive and each year it costs individual members of the Pow-Wow Club more money from their own pockets. Since the Pow-Wow is staged for all tribal members and the public, we ask that those who can afford to help send their donations to Mildred Peltier, Pow-Wow Club Secretary, Route 4, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801.

The Museum portion of our Cultural Heritage Center will be completed within the next two weeks and ready for anything you may wish to share in the way of displays. We hope anybody with items which relate to tribal culture and background will want to put them on display for all to see.

The Arts and Crafts classes have gone well this year under the direction of Buck Tasier and his sister, Betty Moelk. In our proposal for next year, we will attempt to add silversmithing and ceramics. These classes are for your enjoyment and we encourage you to participate. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. in the tribal Community House.

Chilocco Indian School offers unique opportunity to Indians who are of $\frac{1}{4}$ blood degree or more. If you would like to learn a trade, your age is no barrier to enrollment. Inquire at this office for further information.

The Indian Health Improvement Act is having a tough time getting through the House of Representatives. This bill is H.R. 2525. This bill should bring revolutionary changes in Indian health care. You are urged to write your Congressmen and ask them to support this bill.

The Potawatomi Alloy Plant and the Potawatomi Grey Iron Foundry is progressing satisfactorily and we should have firm commitments to report at the Council meeting June 26th.

One of our proposals for an Indian Child Day Care Center has been funded for \$85,000. This grant is for implementing the program and hopefully will be an on-going operation. This center will offer working Indian mothers a place to leave their children during the work day. We applaud Jan Shanklin for her success on this project.

In ceremonies held at St. Gregory's Abbey, May 2, 1976, the Business Committee, by Resolution, made the Most Reverend Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, a member of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma. In his remarks after the ceremony the Apostolic Delegate conveyed the blessing of Pope Paul VI on the Abbot and Monks of St. Gregory's Abbey and his congratulations on the Centennial of St. Gregory's Abbey, in Shawnee. He then expressed the affection and pastoral concern of the Holy Father for the native American Indians.

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In closing he stated "I now have the honor to bestow upon all of you the paternal Apostolic Blessing of our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI". For lack of space and for brevity I have had to condense this fine article and I apologize for it.

At the special Council on April 17th the upcoming per capita payment and use of the programmed portion of award monies were discussed. The amount per capita should be approximately \$250.00. It was not decided how the programmed funds would be used. By regulation 20% of the award must be used in ways decided on by the Council. It was suggested that this portion be used to aid members over 55 years of age in purchasing artificial limbs, crutches, and etc. It was also suggested that part of it be used to establish a scholarship fund and that part of it be used in future support of tribal government when present sources of salaries and other Federal support cease. Hopefully, a decision will be made at the meeting June 26th.

June 26th is election day for the tribal Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-Chairman. You are asked to consider your choices carefully and vote for the one who in your opinion is sincerely interested in helping the tribe get ahead.

The year is coming to a close and in reflection I am well pleased with the progress we have made since the last election. We have had problems along the line, but I knew that there would be problems when changes were made in the way things were done. The need for change was obvious enough and the changes we have made, I think, reflected in the appearance of tribal grounds and the overall efficiency with which problems are solved. We have built credibility for the tribe in the community and we are recognized for our ability to get things done. Each of the staff works well in his own area of responsibility and we work as a team in all areas where more than one head is needed to solve problems. In point of service Beverly Hughes is the oldest team member and we have all benefited from her extensive experience in tribal affairs. Beverly is dedicated to any program which will improve the fortunes of the tribe and she is very proud of the things we have accomplished as a team. Lee Folkins as Business Manager, is involved in everything pertaining to tribal business. Not enough can be said here for his efforts in the tribe's behalf. Mostly because of his ability the Alloy Plant and Grey Iron Foundry appear very close to reality for the tribe. These facilities will cost approximately \$27,000,000 and within four years, profits for the tribe will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. These facilities will put us in the big leagues of industry in one giant stride. For the kind of man that he is, honest and ethical, for his ability as an engineer, his dedication to the job and his complete willingness put in all of the time necessary to getting a job done, we are proud of Lee Folkins. Jan Shanklin, our program planner, is involved in many areas of our operation and despite the many demands upon her time she is beginning to enjoy success as our proposal writer. Her first success in this line was the funding of her Day Care Center proposal for \$85,000. Her many chores demand dedication, professional ability and great willingness to do whatever is needed in getting the job accomplished. We are proud of Jan. Donna Harmon tackled a big job when she took over as our bookkeeper and office manager. We have learned of Donna that the tougher the job is - the more determined she is to make it look easy - and she usually does. Donna has done a tremendous job for us and we are proud of her. Wallace Tyner our Title X Superintendent has a world of experience in many fields and we find it very convenient to draw on his knowledge when we have a tough one to solve. He is a real asset and we are happy to have him with us. The CHR Program is going well now under Mary Kingsbury's direction. We expect a lot of them and they never fail to come through. They are a tremendous group. Jann Jones and Joy Wright are still learning the many tasks involved in their jobs and are rapidly becoming topnotch in all phases of their jobs. They do all their work well and with pride. We are proud of them. At the Multi-Purpose Center, Geneva Ransom, Joan Judd, and Ara O'Connor are all doing a fine job. Buck Tasier handles the Maxi-Bus and has become very popular with the ladies at the Center! Yes, reflecting back over the year, I am proud of the things we have done and the people who so unselfishly helped do them.

Thank you.


Gerald L. Peltier,

Tribal Chairman -Administrator